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Allocation of agenda items to the First Committee

Letter dated 19 September 2003 from the President of the General Assembly to the Chairman of the First Committee

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the decisions taken by the General Assembly at the 2nd plenary meeting of its fifty-eighth session pertaining to the allocation of items to the First Committee.

I wish to draw your attention to the recommendations on the organization of the session contained in section II of the report of the General Committee (A/58/250). Those recommendations were also approved by the General Assembly at its 2nd plenary meeting.

May I also draw your attention to the relevant paragraphs of sections IV and V of the report concerning the agendas of the Main Committees.

I earnestly request your cooperation in these matters.

(*Signed*) Julian **Hunte**

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Annex

Items allocated to the First Committee

1. Reduction of military budgets (item 62):
   (a) Reduction of military budgets;
   (b) Objective information on military matters, including transparency of military expenditures.
2. Verification in all its aspects, including the role of the United Nations in the field of verification (item 63).
3. Implementation of the Declaration of the Indian Ocean as a Zone of Peace (item 64).
4. African Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zone Treaty (item 65).
5. Consolidation of the regime established by the Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean (Treaty of Tlatelolco) (item 66).
6. Review of the implementation of the Declaration on the Strengthening of International Security (item 67).
7. Developments in the field of information and telecommunications in the context of international security (item 68).
8. Role of science and technology in the context of international security and disarmament (item 69).
9. Establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in the region of the Middle East (item 70).
10. Conclusion of effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons (item 71).
11. Prevention of an arms race in outer space (item 72).
12. General and complete disarmament (item 73):

    [The General Assembly decided that some portions of the annual report of the International Atomic Energy Agency (A/58/312), which deal with the subject matter of item 73, would be drawn to the attention of the First Committee in connection with its consideration of item 73].

    (a) Notification of nuclear tests;
    (b) Prohibition of the dumping of radioactive wastes;
    (c) Reduction of non-strategic nuclear weapons;
    (d) Towards a nuclear-weapon-free world: the need for a new agenda;
    (e) Convening of the fourth special session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament;
    (f) Promotion of multilateralism in the area of disarmament and non-proliferation;

(g) Observance of environmental norms in the drafting and implementation of agreements on disarmament and arms control;

(h) Relationship between disarmament and development;

(i) National legislation on transfer of arms, military equipment and dual-use goods and technology;

(j) Bilateral strategic nuclear arms reductions and the new strategic framework;

(k) Establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in Central Asia;

(l) Assistance to States for curbing the illicit traffic in small arms and collecting them;

(m) Missiles;

(n) The illicit trade in small arms and light weapons in all its aspects;

(o) Nuclear-weapon-free southern hemisphere and adjacent areas;

(p) Implementation of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-personnel Mines and on Their Destruction;

(q) Transparency in armaments;

(r) Regional disarmament;

(s) Conventional arms control at the regional and subregional levels;

(t) Nuclear disarmament;

(u) Consolidation of peace through practical disarmament measures;

(v) Implementation of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on Their Destruction;

(w) Measures to prevent terrorists from acquiring weapons of mass destruction;

(x) Reducing nuclear danger;

(y) Follow-up to the advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice on the *Legality of the Threat or Use of Nuclear Weapons*;

(z) United Nations conference to identify ways of eliminating nuclear dangers in the context of nuclear disarmament.

13. Review and implementation of the Concluding Document of the Twelfth Special Session of the General Assembly (item 74):

(a) United Nations regional centres for peace and disarmament;

(b) Regional confidence-building measures: activities of the United Nations Standing Advisory Committee on Security Questions in Central Africa;

(c) United Nations Regional Centre for Peace, Disarmament and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean;

(d) United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Africa;

(e) United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Asia and the Pacific;

(f) Convention on the Prohibition of the Use of Nuclear Weapons.

14. Review of the implementation of the recommendations and decisions adopted by the General Assembly at its tenth special session (item 75):

(a) Advisory Board on Disarmament Matters;

(b) United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research;

(c) Report of the Disarmament Commission;

(d) Report of the Conference on Disarmament.

15. The risk of nuclear proliferation in the Middle East (item 76).

16. Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May Be Deemed to Be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects (item 77).

17. Strengthening of security and cooperation in the Mediterranean region (item 78).

18. Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty (item 79).

19. Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction (item 80).

20. Election of the officers of the Main Committees (item 5).

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Programme of work and timetable

Programme/meeting	*Dates*	*Number of meetings*
Informal meeting for the organization of work	Thursday, 18 September	1
Meeting for the organization of work	Monday, 29 September	1
General debate on all disarmament and international security agenda items (items 62-80)	Monday, 6 October to Friday, 17 October	10
Closure of the list of speakers for the general debate on all disarmament and international security agenda items (items 62-80)	Monday, 6 October at 6 p.m.	
Deadline for submission of draft resolutions on all disarmament and international security agenda items (items 62-80)	Wednesday, 15 October at 6 p.m.	
Thematic discussion on item subjects as well as introduction and consideration of all draft resolutions submitted under agenda items 62-80	Monday, 20 October to Friday, 24 October	6
Action on all draft resolutions submitted under agenda items 62-80	Monday, 27 October to Friday, 7 November	10

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Disarmament and International Security Committee (First Committee)

15-19 September	15 Monday		16 Tuesday		17 Wednesday		18 Thursday		19 Friday	
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29 September to 3 October	29 Monday		30 Tuesday		1 Wednesday		2 Thursday		3 Friday	
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6-10 October	6 Monday		7 Tuesday		8 Wednesday		9 Thursday		10 Friday	
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13-17 October	13 Monday		14 Tuesday		15 Wednesday		16 Thursday		17 Friday	
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20-24 October	20 Monday		21 Tuesday		22 Wednesday		23 Thursday		24 Friday	
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	x		x		x		x		x	x
27-31 October	27 Monday		28 Tuesday		29 Wednesday		30 Thursday		31 Friday	
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3-7 November	3 Monday		4 Tuesday		5 Wednesday		6 Thursday		7 Friday	
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Letter dated 2 October 2003 from the Permanent Representative of Brazil to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit a communiqué (see annex), issued on 23 September 2003, by the Foreign Ministers of the countries of the New Agenda Coalition (Brazil, Egypt, Ireland, Mexico, New Zealand, South Africa and Sweden) following a meeting at which the Ministers reviewed progress on their joint initiatives, entitled: "Towards a nuclear-weapon-free world: a new agenda" and "Reduction of non-strategic nuclear weapons".

I would be grateful if you would circulate the present letter and its annex as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 73, "General and complete disarmament".

(*Signed*) Ronaldo Mota **Sardenberg**
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Annex to the letter dated 2 October 2003 from the Permanent Representative of Brazil to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Ministerial declaration by the New Agenda Coalition

New York, 23 September 2003

1. The Foreign Ministers of Egypt, Ireland, Mexico, New Zealand, South Africa, Sweden and Brazil met at the fifty-eighth session of the United Nations General Assembly to review developments on nuclear disarmament and to renew their commitment to achieve a world free from nuclear weapons.

2. The Ministers paid tribute to the memory of Anna Lindh, Foreign Minister of Sweden, on the occasion of her sad passing away, and deplored the loss of a devoted colleague who had been a driving force in the common cause.

3. The Ministers expressed their deep concern at the lack of progress to date in the implementation of the thirteen steps on nuclear disarmament to which all States parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons agreed at the 2000 NPT Review Conference.

4. The Ministers stressed that each article of the NPT is binding on the respective States parties, at all times and in all circumstances, and that all States parties must be held fully accountable with respect to the strict compliance of their obligations under the Treaty, and reiterated that the implementation of undertakings therein on nuclear disarmament remains the imperative.

5. The Ministers recalled that a fundamental prerequisite for promoting nuclear non-proliferation is the continuous irreversible progress in nuclear arms reduction. In this context, they called upon the Russian Federation and the United States of America to make the Treaty on Strategic Offensive Reductions ("the Moscow Treaty") irreversible and verifiable and to address non-operational warheads, thus making it a nuclear disarmament measure.

6. The Ministers stressed that the recent international debate on weapons of mass destruction has only highlighted that the sole guarantee against the use of any weapon of mass destruction anywhere, including nuclear weapons, is their total elimination and the assurance that they will never be used or produced again.

7. The Ministers reiterated their deep concern at emerging approaches to the broader role of nuclear weapons as part of security strategies, including rationalizations for the use and the development of new types of nuclear weapons.

8. The Ministers urged the international community to intensify its efforts to achieve universal adherence to the NPT. They called on India, Israel and Pakistan to accede to the Treaty as non-nuclear-weapon States and to place their facilities under comprehensive safeguards of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA). They recalled the commitment of all NPT States parties to promote the universality of the NPT.

9. The Ministers expressed their deep concern at the announcement by the Democratic People's Republic of Korea of its intention to withdraw from the NPT and related developments. In this connection, they called upon the Democratic

People's Republic of Korea to reconsider and supported all efforts for an early, peaceful resolution of the situation, leading to the return of the People's Republic to full compliance with the provisions of the NPT.

10. The Ministers stressed that IAEA must be able to verify and ensure that nuclear facilities of the States parties of the NPT are being used for peaceful purposes only, and called upon States to cooperate fully and immediately with IAEA in resolving issues arising from the implementation of their respective obligations towards the Agency.

11. The Ministers reaffirmed their conviction that the establishment of internationally recognized nuclear-weapon-free zones on the basis of arrangements freely arrived at among the States of the regions concerned enhances global and regional peace and security, strengthens the nuclear non-proliferation regime and contributes towards realizing the objective of nuclear disarmament, and in this regard they expressed their hope that more regions would follow this path.

12. The Ministers underlined the significance of the current NPT review process to assess progress in implementation and to consider actions needed on nuclear disarmament. They stressed the importance that the Third Preparatory Committee of the 2005 NPT Review Conference submits substantive recommendations regarding nuclear disarmament, as well as on the matter of security assurances to the Review Conference.

13. The Ministers highlighted that multilateralism must remain at the forefront of all international security efforts and, with the purpose of contributing further to the objective of a nuclear-weapon-free world, stressed that their initiative will continue to be pursued with determination and announced their intention to submit two draft resolutions — entitled "Towards a nuclear-weapon-free world: a new agenda" and "Reductions of non-strategic nuclear weapons" — to the fifty-eighth session of the General Assembly.